

No person whatsoever shall work or do any bodily labor on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday; and no person having children or servants shall command, or wittingly or willingly suffer any of them to do any manner of work or labor on the Lord's day (works of necessity and charity always excepted), nor shall suffer or permit any children or servants to profane the Lord's day by gaming, fowling, hunting, or unlawful pastime or recreation. Every person transgressing this section and being hereof convicted shall forfeit five dollars, which, if the fine is imposed by a circuit court of any county [or the Criminal Court of Baltimore], shall be applied to the use of the county or city as the case may be. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not apply:

(1) To Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Harford County, Howard County, Worcester County, Montgomery County, Dorchester County, Charles County, Talbot County; or

(2) To any person who conscientiously believes that the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath and who actually refrains from secular business and labor on that day, and whose business establishment or establishments or employer's business establishment or establishments (whether a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) are actually closed on that day; or

(3) To any person who conscientiously believes that the Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night and who actually refrains from secular business and labor during such period, and whose business establishment or establishments or employer's business establishment or establishments (whether a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) are actually closed during such period.

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(a) The provisions of this section apply to Baltimore County and Baltimore City.

(b) (1) It is unlawful on Sunday for any wholesale or retail establishment to conduct business for labor or profit in the usual manner and location or to operate its establishment in any manner for the general public.

(2) A wholesale or retail establishment may not cause, direct, or authorize any employee or agent to engage in or conduct business on its behalf on Sunday.

(c) (1) The State's Attorney of Baltimore County may petition the Circuit Court to enjoin any violation of this section.